



## MEDIA ADVISORY – September 15, 2016

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### **Official Event of the U.S. Chairmanship of the Arctic Council: Water Innovations for Healthy Arctic Homes (WIHAH) Conference Anchorage, Alaska – September 18-21, 2016**

**What:** Press are invited to attend the [Conference on Water Innovations for Healthy Arctic Homes \(WIHAH\)](#). This circumpolar conference is hosted by the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) and the U.S. Department of State. Other sponsors include the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Department of Agriculture-Rural Development, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the U.S. Arctic Research Commission.

WIHAH will bring together Alaskan, U.S., and international experts and community members, policymakers, and innovators to discuss the health benefits of water and sewer services in remote Arctic communities and how to make the delivery of these services more reliable, affordable, and sustainable. Conference themes include climate change impacts, effects on Arctic human health, innovative engineering approaches, and regulations and policies affecting access and cost of providing adequate water and sewer in rural homes.

[Alaska Water and Sewer Challenge](#) teams will also be pre-showcasing their prototypes developed as part of ADEC’s research and development effort to find alternative, more affordable drinking water and sewage disposal services for rural Alaska.

**When:** September 18-21, 2016

**Where:** Hilton Hotel, Anchorage, Alaska

**Note:** Due to space and cost limitations, conference attendance is by invitation only. Press are encouraged to attend; press packets can be picked up at the registration desk. To arrange an interview, contact (907) 465-5009. A press room will be available for pre-scheduled interviews. Follow on social media with #WIHAH2016.

For more information, including the agenda, visit [www.wihah2016.com](http://www.wihah2016.com).



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